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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This communication is in response to the restriction requirement dated March
14, 2001.

REMARKS

Provisional election with traverse:

Applicants elect with traverse claims 5 and 7, wherein the matrix components
are selected from the group consisting of a homo- and copolymer of N-vinylpyrrolidone
and a cellulose ether. The specification on pages 3, lines 26-32, 34-37 and examples
1-3 disclose these components. The components are all melt-processable and water-
dispersible polymeric binders (page 3, line 27) which are advantageous to the